

January 13, 1963

Dear Mr. Thant,

Leaving New York to-day I wish to express to you once again the appreciation for your constructive efforts in assisting the parties to avert war in connection with the recent crisis in the Caribbean area, as well as for the creation of the favourable atmosphere for the negotiations on the questions related to the settlement of this crisis.

Allow me to express the hope that in the future the United Nations will be growing as more and more reliable instrument for strengthening the peace and for the peaceful solution of disputable questions among the states.

I wish you, Mr. Thant, the sound health and every success in your activity at the responsible post of the United Nations Secretary-General.

Respectfully yours,

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